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SUBJECT: SYRIAN PRESS REPORT OF WITHDRAWAL OF EGYPTIAN PILOTS

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1. OCT. 20 TISHRIIN CONTAINED FIRST PUBLIC SYRIAN MENTION OF WITHDRAWAL OF EGYPTIAN PILOTS, STATING THAT "SADAT GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO WITHDRAW ITS SYMBOLIC AIR FORCE STATIONED AT CERTAIN SYRIAN AIRBASE IN EXECUTION OF ITS PLEDGES GIVEN TO UNITED STATES WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF SINAI AGREEMENT AND ITS SECRET ANNEXES." TISHRIIN QUOTED OFFICIAL SYRIAN SOURCE AS SAYING "EGYPTIAN DECISION WAS NATURAL RESULT OF SINAI AGREEMENT AND EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT'S REMOVAL FROM CONFLICT. THEREFORE, THIS DECISION BY EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT WAS LOGICAL. IT IS NECESSARY TO CLARIFY SYMBOLIC NATURE OF THIS FORCE, CONSISTING
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OF THREE MIG-17'S AND FOUR PILOTS. IT WAS A SYMBOLIC

PRESENCE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF COOPERATION, FAMILIARIZATION
AND CONTACT BETWEEN FORCES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES."

2. TISHRIIN'S PROVOCATIVE OCT. 20 HEADLINE READ,
"EGYPTIAN ARMY UNREST FROM CONSEQUENCES OF AGREEMENT
AND ITS SECRET ANNEXES."
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